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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF U.S. AFFAIRS
CH'ENG CH'I-HUNG CALLED IN PASCOE APRIL 9 TO DISCUSS
CULTURAL EXCHANGES. HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY THE
INFORMATION IN PARAS 2, 3, & 4 OF REFTEL.

2. GOVERNORS DELEGATION - MISS CH'ENG INFORMED US OF
APRIL 23 DISCUSSION BETWEEN FALK AND SOLOMON OF THE
WHITE HOUSE STAFF AND PRCLO PERSONNEL CONCERNING THE GOVERNORS
DELEGATION. THE CHINESE EXPECT GROUP TO ARRIVE IN MID-MAY FOR A
VISIT OF TEN DAYS.

3. WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCILS DELEGATION - SHE THEN SAID CHINESE SIDE
FEELS THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO POSTPONE VISIT OF THE WORLD
AFFAIRS COUNCILS DELEGATION TO CHINA PLANNED FOR THIS SUMMER
DUE TO "LIMITED FACILITIES ON THE PART OF THE CHINESE HOSTS". SHE
NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WANTED TO TELL US NOW TO MINIMIZE IN-
CONVENIENCE TO DELEGATION AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT U.S. SIDE WOULD
UNDERSTAND. WHEN ASKED WHEN VISIT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, SHE
REPLIED THE MFA WILL DISCUSS THIS WITH THE HOST ORGANIZATION.
(INCIDENTALLY, CHINESE EXPRESSED CONFUSION, WHICH WE SHARE, ABOUT
PROPER NAME FOR THIS GROUP.)

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4. WU SHU DELEGATION - MISS CH'ENG SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED WORD OF OUR APPROVAL OF WU SHU DELEGATION FROM PRCLO ALONG WITH REQUEST FROM THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. THEY ARE NOW GETTING THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS AND WILL SEND THEM TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. AGRICULTURAL STUDY DELEGATION - IN RESPONSE TO PASCOE'S STATEMENT THAT CSCPRC WAS AWAITING WORD ON THIS GROUP FROM CHINESE SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY, MISS CH'ENG ASKED IF AUGUST TIMING WAS ACCEPTABLE. PASCOE SAID THAT HE ASSUMED THAT IT WAS BUT NATIONAL COMMITTEE WOULD NEED DETAILED INFORMATION TO BEGIN PLANNING. SHE INDICATED THAT DETAILS WOULD BE SENT SOON. (IF THERE IS ANY DIFFICULTY WITH TIMING, USLO WOULD APPRECIATE BEING NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY SO FOREIGN MINISTRY CAN BE INFORMED.

6. U.S. PLANT RESEARCH DELEGATION - CSCPRC PLANS OUTLINED PARA 4 REFTEL ACCEPTABLE.
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